



STATE OF UTAH

UTAH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

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Minutes

USAAC Council Meeting

DATE: July 9, 2003
TIME: Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Room 129
State Capitol Building

Present: Randy Bachman, Dan Becker, Susan Burke, Lou Callister, Blake Chard, Col. Scott Duncan, Mike Findeis, Verne Larsen, Diane Ngatuvai, Ron Gordon proxy for Ed McConkie, Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Kirk Torgensen and Anna Kay Waddoups

I. Welcome & Interim Chair's Report

Randall Bachman

Action: There was a motion made to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2003 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Strengthening Public & Private Partnerships

Lou Callister

Lou Callister reported that there will be a joint leadership meeting held on July 16 with the USAAC Executive Committee, the Community Advocacy Committee and the Utah Addiction Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to map out a strategy to strengthen public and private partnerships for drug treatment and advocacy. The hope is that this effort may help connect the private sector to the current legislative discussion about drug treatment options and funding sources.

Action: Lou will report on the progress made at the next USAAC Council Meeting.

III. Director's Report

Susan Burke

Law Enforcement Interim Day and Vera Institute

Susan Burke reported on the meeting with Vera Institute and their presentation to the Law Enforcement Interim Committee. The most important message relayed was that regardless of what strategy the state adopts to address drug offenders, funds need to be committed to expand treatment capacity. Vera's message was well received by the committee. The Substance Abuse Services Committee is following up with a cost continuum document that will illustrate for policymakers the average costs per individual from substance abuse prevention to aftercare.

Governor's Awards Reminders

August 1st is the deadline to submit a nomination form to Susan.

IV. Local Alcohol Funds Accountability

Diane Ngatuvai

Diane Ngatuvai reported that out of 260 there are still 16 municipalities or counties that have not yet reported on the alcohol funds received for 2002. Discussion followed with suggestions for ensuring compliance.

Action: *Blake Chard made a motion to have Diane follow up the compliance letters with a personal phone call as well as send a final notification letter with a deadline of August 20, 2003. The motion was seconded by Anna Kay Waddoups and passed unanimously.*

V. USAAV 2003 Committee Priorities

A. Criminal Justice Committee

Kirk Torgensen

Kirk Torgensen reported that they have scheduled meetings to meet with law enforcement, county attorneys and legislators to discuss forfeiture. They are finding that the legislators do not attend. Efforts also need to be focused on educating the general public about forfeiture issues. The Anti-Violence Committee will assist in this area. Susan reviewed preliminary draft legislation, Clandestine Lab Reporting and Decontamination Standards, prepared by the Meth Working Group. There has been good representation from DEQ, Realtors Association, private contractors, SLVHD and law enforcement. The bill will soon be going to Legislative Research and General Counsel for their review. Reps. David Litvack and Eric Hutchings may co-sponsor the bill.

Action: *Susan will inquire about the governor's position on forfeiture. She will also continue to work on the Meth Lab bill to address concerns that some Council members expressed about owners of record. A revised bill will be presented at the next USAAV Meeting.*

B. DUI Committee

Anna Kay Waddoups

Anna Kay Waddoups noted progress on the saliva testing issue. Current law allows test instruments such as the saliva kits to be used to establish the probable cause that would allow a police officer to take a suspected DUI into custody. Rather than drafting legislation, Paul Boyden is working with the Dept. of Public Safety to determine if an administrative policy is all that is needed to address this issue. Judge Michael Kwan, Taylorsville Justice Court, presented to the committee at their meeting yesterday regarding the Substance Abuse Court that he runs. The program's success has been based on the offender changing their behavior and becoming productive citizens again. The incentive for participating in the Court is the plea in abeyance. Judge Kwan emphasized the importance of changing current law so that pleas in abeyance can be considered for future enhancement purposes. The Committee voted to pursue drafting plea in abeyance legislation.

Action: *The Committee will continue to work on draft legislation for the Council's consideration.*

C. Substance Abuse Services Committee

Verne Larsen

The Committee met earlier today and had two presentations given: one by Paris Anderton regarding their SICA program, and the other by Gary Franchina, CCJJ, regarding the Drug Court Outcomes Study Plan. Paris noted that with their \$66,000 SICA award they have implemented the Nurturing Program for Parents and Adolescents which has shown measurable positive outcomes. The Drug Court Outcomes Study Plan found that 18 months after Drug Court program completion, only 39.2% of graduates had been rearrested, compared to 55.4% of program non-completers and 78% of control group members. Gary is following up on several questions the Committee would like to have answered. A study of the Utah County Drug Court Program is currently underway.

Action: *The Committee will complete the cost continuum document.*

D. Anti-Violence Committee

Sherm Watkins

Due to lack of time, this committee did not report. A list of programs funded with state Crime Prevention and Gang grants were provided in the packet.

Next Meeting:
September 10, 2003
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.
Room 405 of the State Capitol Building